Automatic Injustice:
Living under the Legacy of 1996 Immigration Laws

Briefing in collaboration with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)

Deportations of immigrants and refugees spiked dramatically after 1996 when Congress passed the *Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act* (AEDPA) and the *Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act* (IIRIRA). These laws severely restricted the ability of an immigration judge to consider the individual circumstances of a person before ordering deportation, and greatly expanded the range of criminal convictions that result in mandatory deportation without judicial review. Even lawful permanent residents who have lived in the country for decades, came to the country as children, have advanced degrees or small businesses, or were adopted but didn't naturalize can be deported automatically and permanently because of these laws.

For twenty years, immigrant and refugee families have lived under the legacy of the 1996 laws. The speakers on our panel will describe their experiences fighting their own deportation orders and talk about potential policy change that honors family unity and due process.

Sponsored by *(current list)*:

- Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
- Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
- Detention Watch Network (DWN)
- Immigrant Defense Project
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
- LULAC
- National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
- South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)

When: Friday, June 24, 9:30-10:30am

Where: 122 Cannon House Office Building (subject to change)

Proposed Program
(5 min) Welcome, Introductions, and framing of discussion (Moderator – Quyen, Executive Director of SEARAC)
(5 min clip) "SAVE Lundy" film clip
(9 min) Lundy Khoy & sister Linda Khoy from SEARAC
(9 min) Alejandra Paulos from Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
(9 min) TBD - Black immigrant community member
(9 min) Members of Congress remarks (at beginning or insert whenever)
(2 min) Policy synopsis (Moderator – Quyen)
(14 min) Q&A